

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A suspension-type packaging and display arrangement for a product having an upper end and a lower end, comprising:

an upper suspension-type engagement section;

a lower product support section located below the upper engagement

5 section, wherein the product is ~~engaged with~~ fixed to the lower support section toward the upper end of the product and is suspended from the lower product support section and is suspended therefrom in a forwardly facing orientation, wherein the product and the lower product support section are configured such that the product is located forwardly of the lower product support section and is fully exposed between the upper and lower ends of
10 the product so as to enable a potential purchaser to manipulate the product while the product is fixed to the lower product support section; and

an intermediate display section located between the upper engagement section and the lower product support section, wherein the intermediate display section carries information about the product;

15 wherein the upper engagement section is offset in a forward direction relative to the lower product support section and is located above the product so as to maintain the packaging and display arrangement in a generally upright position when supported from the upper engagement section.

2. (Original) The packaging and display arrangement of claim 1, wherein the upper suspension-type engagement section includes an opening configured to receive a hook or the like to suspend the packaging and display arrangement therefrom.

3. (Currently Amended) The packaging and display arrangement of claim 1, wherein the intermediate display section comprises a forwardly facing wall having a pair of spaced apart side edges, wherein the side edges of the forwardly facing wall define the overall width of the packaging and display arrangement, and wherein the lower product support section and the upper engagement section are configured such that the wall is exposed therebetween.

4. (Original) The packaging and display arrangement of claim 3, wherein the information about the product is contained on a card that is engaged with the forwardly facing wall.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~The packaging and display arrangement of claim 4~~ A suspension-type packaging and display arrangement for a product, comprising:

an upper suspension-type engagement section;

a lower product support section located below the upper engagement section, wherein the product is engaged with the lower product support section and is suspended therefrom in a forwardly facing orientation; and

an intermediate display section located between the upper engagement section and the lower product support section, wherein the intermediate display section carries information about the product;

wherein the upper engagement section is offset in a forward direction relative to the lower product support section so as to maintain the packaging and display arrangement in a generally upright position when supported from the upper engagement section;

wherein the intermediate display section comprises a forwardly facing wall, and wherein the lower product support section and the upper engagement section are configured such that the wall is exposed therebetween, wherein the information about the product is contained on a card that is engaged with the forwardly facing wall, and wherein the intermediate display section includes a releasable engagement arrangement for releasably securing the card to the forwardly facing wall.

6. (Original) The packaging and display arrangement of claim 5, wherein the releasable engagement arrangement comprises a plurality of tab members that are spaced outwardly from a surface defined by the forwardly facing wall, wherein the tab members are configured to engage edges defined by the card for maintaining the card in engagement with the forwardly facing wall.

7. (Original) The packaging and display arrangement of claim 6, wherein the tab members are arranged to maintain the card in engagement with a forwardly facing surface defined by the outwardly facing wall.

8. (Currently Amended) The packaging and display arrangement of claim 4, wherein the card is arranged to face outwardly, and wherein the forwardly facing wall is formed of a translucent material so as to enable information contained on an inner surface defined by the card to be viewed through the material of the forwardly facing wall.

9. (Original) The packaging and display arrangement of claim 1, wherein the product support section includes an opening with which the product is engaged for securing the product to the product support section.

10. (Original) The packaging and display arrangement of claim 9, wherein the product includes engagement structure that extends into engagement within the opening for maintaining the product in engagement with the product support section.

11. (Original) The packaging and display arrangement of claim 10, wherein the product includes an opening, and wherein the product is engaged with the product support section via a retainer member that extends through the opening in the product and through the opening in the product support section.

12. (Original) The packaging and display arrangement of claim 1, wherein the product support section includes a post member that is adapted to be received within an opening associated with the product for securing the product to the product support section.

13. (Currently Amended) A package for a product, comprising:
an outwardly facing wall defining an upper area, ~~and a lower area, and a~~
pair of spaced apart side edges extending between the upper area and the lower area;
~~wherein an upper suspension-type engagement structure interconnected~~
5 with the upper area of the outwardly facing wall, wherein the upper engagement structure
is offset in a forward direction relative to the lower area of the outwardly facing wall;
a lower product support structure interconnected with the lower area of the
outwardly facing wall, and wherein the product is engaged with the lower area of the
outwardly facing wall product support structure in a manner such that the product is
10 located forwardly of the outwardly facing wall, and wherein a portion of the outwardly
facing wall between the upper area engagement structure and the lower area product
support structure is exposed in a forward direction;
~~wherein the upper area of the outwardly facing wall includes engagement~~
~~structure configured to enable the package to be supported in a suspension-type manner;~~
15 ~~and~~

wherein the lower area of the outwardly facing wall product support
structure is configured so as to position the product such that a center of gravity defined
by the product is located below the upper engagement structure of the upper area of the
outwardly facing wall so that the product and the package are suspended in a generally
20 upright orientation; and

wherein the side edges of the outwardly facing wall, located between the
upper engagement structure and the lower product support structure, define the overall
width of the package.

14. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 13, wherein the exposed
portion of the outwardly facing wall, located between the upper engagement structure and
the lower product support structure, carries information about the product, and wherein
the product and the lower product support structure are configured such that the product
5 is located forwardly of the lower product support structure and is fully exposed so as to

enable a potential purchaser to manipulate the product while the product is fixed to the package.

15. (Original) The package of claim 14, wherein the information about the product is carried on a card that is engaged with the outwardly facing wall, wherein the card is exposed in a forward direction and wherein the outwardly facing wall is constructed such that information on a rearwardly facing surface of the card is visible.

16. (Original) The package of claim 15, wherein the outwardly facing wall is formed of a transparent material such that information on the rearwardly facing surface of the card is visible through the material of the outwardly facing wall.

17. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 14, wherein the upper area ~~of the outwardly facing wall is formed so as to~~engagement structure extends in a forward direction and ~~defines an upper edge, and wherein the engagement structure comprises~~includes an opening ~~formed in an engagement wall that extends downwardly from the upper edge,~~ wherein the opening is configured to receive a hook or the like to suspend the package therefrom.

18. (Previously Canceled)

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23. (Currently Amended) A product package for a product having an upper end and a lower end, comprising:

a product support member defining an upper area and a lower area;

engagement means associated with the upper area of the product support member for enabling the product support member to be supported in a suspension-type manner at an upper support location;

product support means associated with the lower area of the product support member for securing the product to the product support member toward the upper

10 end of the product, wherein the engagement means and the product support means are
arranged such that the engagement means is offset in a forward direction relative to the
product support means and the product is in vertical alignment with the engagement
means so as to maintain the product and the package in a generally upright position when
supported at the upper support location in the suspension-type manner; and
15 display means associated with the product support member and located
between the engagement means and the product support means for displaying
information about the product;
wherein the product and the product support means are configured such that
the product is located forwardly of the product support means and is fully exposed
between the upper and lower ends of the product so as to enable a potential purchaser to
20 manipulate the product while the product is secured to the lower product support section.

24. (Currently Canceled)